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## COSTS MORE TO EARN DOLLAR IN VIRGINIA

Railroads Say 2-Cent Rate Increases Intrastate Business at Expense of Interstate Traffic.

**PUBLIC PROFITS: ROADS LOSE**

Railways Declare They Are Compelled to Reduce Forces Almost to Danger Point.

Testifying before the State Corporation Commission yesterday in the hearing on the petitions of railroads operating in Virginia for relief from the 2-cent passenger rate, Comptroller I. F. Sullivan, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, and Comptroller J. W. Cox, of the Norfolk and Western Railway, declared that it costs more to earn a dollar on intrastate traffic than it does to earn a dollar on interstate traffic. They said that since the rate became effective the intrastate business has been increasing steadily, while the interstate business has been decreasing, the result being a material loss in net revenues and a slight increase in operating expenses. In concluding his testimony Comptroller Cox said that the Norfolk and Western feel that an increase in the passenger rate will be necessary if the company is to keep up with the tide of progress and improvement and to meet the demands of the traveling public for improved roads and equipment.

While on the stand the comptroller introduced masses of statistics showing the passenger business before and after the 2-cent rate became effective, the number of passengers hauled at various periods, the revenue now derived and that derived under the old rate, and other important matters relating to the case.

**How Passengers Beat Roads.**  
Special stress was laid upon the intrastate and interstate business. Comptroller Sullivan produced figures showing that persons leaving Virginia for almost 2 cents per mile pay cash fares almost 2 cents more than those going to the West. New by tickets under the 2-cent rate to Allegheny, near the West Virginia line, and there get interstate tickets for the remainder of the journey. In like manner those going to Northern cities buy tickets to Alexandria at 2 cents per mile, cash fares from Alexandria to Washington, where they purchase tickets for their destination.

In the case of the Norfolk and Western, the interstate passengers going South or West buy tickets under the 2-cent rate to a point nearest the State line, and there secure the tickets for the remaining part of their journey. In this way they save money, while the roads lose.

After the new rate became effective on October 1, 1935, the comptroller said, the roads cut down their forces almost to the danger point in an effort to decrease the operating expenses, so as to offset the decrease in revenues. Even now they are operating with reduced forces, but cannot thus make good the losses sustained by the lowering of the passenger rate. When the commission convened at 11 o'clock counsel of the five petitioning roads were on hand, and Attorney-General Anderson was present to represent the State. The railroad attorneys appearing were: Chesapeake and Ohio—Henry T. Wickham and Henry Taylor, Jr.; Norfolk and Western—Lucien H. Cooke.

Southern A. P. Thom  
Atlantic Coast Line—William B. McHwaine.  
Seaboard Air Line—Evan Hunter, Jr.

C. and O. Heard First.  
Apparently the attorneys had agreed

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## FLEET OFFICERS MAY COME HERE

Citizens Discuss Program, If It Will Not Interfere With Others Already Made.

**HOLD CONFERENCE TO-DAY**

Business Men's Club and Chamber to Decide What Can Be Done.

After a conference last night between President John M. Miller, Jr., of the Business Men's Club; President Frank D. Williams, of the Chamber of Commerce, and others, it was decided to hold a meeting of the officers of those two organizations to-day for the purpose of discussing the advisability of making special arrangements to bring the officers of the Atlantic battleship fleet to Richmond for some sort of entertainment next week, if it will be possible for them to accept an invitation.

No definite plan has been decided upon, the object of the meeting being to consider the question of extending an invitation to the fleet commander and staff officers, with a view of showing that the capital of Virginia fully recognizes the importance of the world-girdling cruise which will end on Monday.

**Depends on Other Plans.**  
While many entertainments have been arranged by citizens of Norfolk and Old Point, the program generally is somewhat in the air, as it is not known exactly how long the ships will remain in Virginia waters. Moreover, it is remembered that the fleet has been constantly in the hands of certain committees for the past few months, with the exception of the time spent at sea, and for this reason the majority of officers who can obtain leave are anxious to join their families.

In a general way, Mr. Williams, Mr. Miller and other officers of the program which would include the chartering of a special train to bring the visitors here for a luncheon and a trip about the city, the train returning to Old Point late in the afternoon.

**Thousands to See Fleet.**  
Nothing definite has been agreed upon, however, as that will be left to the wisdom of the members attending the meeting to-day. The main object of the citizens is to extend the proper courtesies to officers of the fleet on their return to Hampton Roads, and to show them the city which they have left. The commission readily agreed upon the date.

**Attorney-General Not Ready.**  
Mr. Wickham filed a formal answer to the summons of the commission, and then called Comptroller Sullivan to the stand as the first witness for the Chesapeake and Ohio. The comptroller was examined by Mr. Wickham for two hours and a half, explaining and swearing to a great volume of intricate figures which he had prepared. When the examination concluded, Attorney-General Anderson announced that he had not been furnished with copies of the exhibits filed during the examination of the comptroller, and therefore was not prepared to begin the cross-examination.

Judge Prentiss announced that he would give the Attorney-General time to prepare for the cross-examination, and then called the next petitioning road, the Norfolk and Western responding. Mr. Cooke immediately filed answers to the questions, and called Comptroller Cox to the stand. His evidence was not concluded until 5:45 o'clock, when the commission adjourned until 11 o'clock, this morning, when Major Anderson is expected to begin the cross-examination of Comptroller Sullivan.

**Southern and Seaboard Next.**  
The hearing on the petitions of the Chesapeake and Ohio Air Line will be taken up immediately after the Chesapeake and Ohio and Norfolk and Western rest, and it is expected that all of the evidence of the four roads will be in by to-morrow afternoon. Argument by counsel will follow.

As the Coast Line hearing does not come up until next week, the cases will not finally be concluded before March 1, all of the exhibits and evidence will have to be examined by members of the commission, and at this time no definite idea can be formed of the time that will be required for the commission to reach a decision.

The exhibits of the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Norfolk and Western contain comparative statements of the passenger traffic in 1935, 1936 and 1937. Because of the Jamestown Exposition the traffic on both roads was greater in 1937 than in either of the other two years, but in both cases the traffic last year was greater than in 1936, yet the passenger revenue for 1936 was less than in 1935. The intrastate and interstate passenger traffic also was given in detail for the three years. There was a decided increase in the interstate, but a great decrease in the intrastate.

**Sales of Tickets in State.**  
The Chesapeake and Ohio submitted an exhibit showing the comparative sales of tickets at the stations in Virginia during 1935 and 1936.

The Norfolk and Western also submitted an exhibit containing the sales of tickets at several of their main stations in Virginia during 1935 and 1936.

The Norfolk and Western also introduced an exhibit containing a detailed statement of its present indebtedness, which amounts to \$192,807,460. The actual money put into the road was about \$131,000,000, the difference in the two sums representing the cost of floating the bonds.

**OLD FAKIR ARRESTED**

George E. Taylor, Dealer in Fancies, Arrested with Swindling Woman.

George E. Taylor, a colored, salaried reporter, dealer in fancies and fancies—with most of the facts laid out—was arrested yesterday by a detective on suspicion of having swindled a little money under false pretenses. Taylor was wisely ignorant of the nature of the charge, and scratched his woolly head in puzzled perplexity when the detaining arm of the law was laid on his shoulder.

It seems, according to the allegation, that Taylor promised a certain woman of his race that he would get a "piece" in the paper for her. He sent the communication through the mails, and none of the papers paid any attention to it. Then the woman became wrathful, for she had paid the dealer in fancies and fancies most liberally, and the cash consideration brought forth no results. Then Taylor, who is further alleged, asserted that he was a representative of the press in high standing, was arrested.

**ONE CHARTER ISSUED; ONE AMENDMENT GRANTED**

The State Corporation Commission yesterday granted the following charters:

General Contracting Company, Incorporated, Harrisonburg, Va. J. S. Fravel, president; J. P. Burke, vice-president; W. S. Rutledge, secretary. All of Harrisonburg, Va. Capital: Maximum, \$10,000; minimum, \$1,000. Objects: Building contractors.

A supplemental certificate of incorporation was granted the Jordan & Davis Company, of Norfolk, allowing it to increase its real estate holding from 10,000 to 100,000 acres, and giving it power to hold securities in other corporations.

## INSANE PATIENT SHIPS HIGH FENCE

Man Believed Nurses and Doctors Had Planned to Take His Life.

**GIRL TORE HIS CLOTHES**

Captured in Street by an Orderly and Returned to the Virginia Hospital.

Apparently insane as a result of illness, a patient in the free ward on the second floor of the Virginia Hospital, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, broke from a nurse who vainly endeavored to prevent his escape, and before help could be summoned had descended a fire escape, scaled a ten-foot fence, and was running at full speed northward along Tenth Street.

Harvey Booker, colored, an orderly, overtook the man, who was running two squares, and succeeded in returning him to the hospital, a little the worse from his daring escapade.

Symptoms of insanity did not develop until Tuesday, but during that day the patient imagined that the nurses and internes had entered into a compact to kill him. Whenever they approached he became violent, and begged that they stay away from him. It was not thought that his condition was such as to prove alarming, and when he leaped from his bed the young woman in the room declares she had no idea he would attempt anything desperate.

**Struggled with Nurse.**  
There was a struggle when the nurse attempted to hold him, but the man's strength, according to statements made by those who know him, was almost superhuman. With apparent ease he continued his flight to the window. In his effort to escape he reached Tenth Street his appearance showed that both had suffered in the struggle.

Overstaken by the orderly the patient screamed murder, and residents of the neighborhood became alarmed. In his effort to escape he reached Tenth Street his appearance showed that both had suffered in the struggle.

**Scared a High Fence.**  
The patient is apparently a man of about 40 years of age, and was brought to the hospital from a nearby town last Saturday. He was operated on the day of his arrival, and was thought to be doing nicely until Tuesday.

Dr. McGuire, who was the surgeon in the case, is in South Carolina, and statements of his assistants are that as soon as the patient recovers from the effects of the trifling symptoms of mania are more than likely to disappear.

A mystery in the case is how the patient succeeded in scaling the fence in the rear of the building. It is thought that he jumped several feet, and being a man of strong physique, lifted himself over the fence. His wound was not injured in the chase, and but for the fact that he is still violent on the subject that there is a plan to take him to the State Hospital.

Yesterday he was strapped in bed, and periodically talked rationally of his escape, and of his plans to escape. At other times he went into violent spells, and frequently threatened to tear away the strong cords which bound his body.

**Fair Directors Meet President.**  
Henry Fairfax, of Loudoun county, recently elected president of the Virginia State Fair Association, yesterday addressed the board of directors of that organization and informally expressed his views for the future conduct of the fair.

The first time he had appeared as the executive. Other than hearing the president's address no business was transacted.

**Club Men Secure Bond.**

The Westmoreland Club has secured the steamer Pennsylvania for the exchange of the club's members and their friends will go to witness the return of the battleship fleet.

The officers being B. M. Gresham, president, and T. L. Stone, manager. The Virginia Baking Company, which is the largest, fastest and finest of the boats plying between Old Point and Cape Charles. The members will go from Richmond to Old Point on a special train.

**William Brown Suspected of Knowing Who Killed Mrs. Skipwith and Walter Johnson.**

County authorities of Powhatan have made another arrest in the recent murder and arson case, William Brown, colored, being locked up yesterday on suspicion of being in some way connected with the murder of Mrs. Lizzie Skipwith and Walter G. Johnson, and the burning of their home on the night of February 12. Brown makes the eighth person arrested. He was incarcerated with five others in the county jail. Joe and Isham Taylor are still being detained in the Richmond jail.

L. O. Davis, the county jailer, has been authorized to appoint two guards to stay among the prisoners and prevent them from formulating any plan to conceal the story of the crime from justice. There are now under arrest, besides those already mentioned, Andrew Taylor, wife of Joe Taylor; Robert Taylor, Fleming Taylor, Stephen Johnson and John Anderson. Indications are that further arrests will be made.

Captain George N. Skipwith, of this city, nephew of Mrs. Skipwith, went to Powhatan Courthouse yesterday, and will visit the burned home to-day. Policeman Johnson, of this city, brother of the murdered man, is still aiding the county authorities.

**PROCLAIMS ARBOR DAY**

Governor Swanson Designates March 12 for Annual Tree Planting.

Governor Swanson yesterday issued a proclamation designating Friday, March 12, for the observance of Arbor Day in Virginia. He requests the citizens, city and county authorities, public school officials and children and the colleges of the State to observe the day by planting trees, shrubs and vines at their homes along the highways and in the public grounds and parks.

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## DOCTORS TO MEET HERE NEXT WEEK

Tri-State Association Elects Dr. J. A. White, of Richmond, as President.

With the selection of Richmond as the next place of meeting and the election of Dr. J. A. White, of this city, as president, the Tri-State Medical Association closed its meeting in Charleston, S. C., yesterday, and the members in attendance will return to their homes to-day.

The meeting is considered one of the most successful of the association has ever held. The date of the next session in Richmond was set for the second Wednesday in February, 1937. Following the election of Dr. White as president, the election of officers resulted as follows:

Dr. LeGrand Guerry, of Columbia, S. C., first vice-president; Dr. W. W. Mackenzie, of Salisbury, S. C., second vice-president; Dr. J. W. Jervey, of Greenville, S. C., third vice-president; Dr. J. Howell, of Waynesville, N. C., secretary and treasurer.

The executive committee was elected as follows: R. E. Hughes, Laurens, S. C.; H. C. Connelley, Chester, S. C.; L. A. Burroughs, Asheville, N. C.; Robert C. Bryan, Richmond; J. R. Irvine, Danville, Va.

At the final meeting a long and interesting program was rendered, consisting of a series of brilliant papers on tuberculosis, in which Dr. H. B. Brown, of Asheville, N. C., and Dr. J. Archer, also of Asheville, figured most prominently.

Dr. Charles A. Noble, of Philadelphia; Dr. Robert C. Bryan, of Richmond, and Dr. W. P. Wittington, of Asheville, N. C., were the principal speakers in a discussion of surgery.

**He Asked for Water.**  
The Henrico official and his prisoner occupied seats on the passenger coach adjoining the baggage car. Johnson, being relieved of his handcuffs, walked down the aisle, closely followed by Mr. (Frank) J. Barnes, who intended to turn the spotlight on the water cooler with his left hand, while with his right he opened the door at the rear of the coach. Then he darted out.

Mr. Garnett grabbed him in the middle of the back, but by a clever dodge the prisoner was free. Apparently though, in a moment of confusion, he threw himself from the train. Sheriff Garnett at once pulled the emergency cord, but the train did not stop, and the conductor, who was applied to, explained that the engine was pulling on an upgrade and could not stop for several miles.

The train's speed, ordinarily thirty-five miles an hour, was perhaps reduced to twenty-five miles on the incline. The engine was not stopped at Franconia Station, Fairfax county, the first stop out of Alexandria, and five miles beyond Accotink Post-Office.

In telling of his experience Mr. Garnett said last night: "I was taken completely by surprise. I believe I never, which is a desperate character and took the precaution to handcuff him. My revolver was handy, but we could not draw my weapon the man was yards behind us. I feel that I did my duty and that the affair is one likely to occur in the experience of any official."

**It Think Johnson was determined to get away at no matter what the cost. When he was released from the Alexandria jail I insisted that I search him. I found a half pound bag of powdered sulfur, his pocket knife, which is concealed in by the police of Alexandria, is that he would have blinded me with the sulfur, and he weighed about twenty pounds. He is undoubtedly a desperate character.**

Johnson is wanted in Henrico for the theft of a horse from George Hunt. The horse, a dark bay, was stolen from the yard of Dr. Barrett's farm, near the Alexandria jail. I insisted that I search him. I found a half pound bag of powdered sulfur, his pocket knife, which is concealed in by the police of Alexandria, is that he would have blinded me with the sulfur, and he weighed about twenty pounds. He is undoubtedly a desperate character.

**Renews Two Licenses.**  
Judge Witt yesterday granted two more liquor licenses. One went to the Henrico County, and the other to William E. Poche, of Fulton.

**Judgment Confessed.**  
In the City Circuit Court yesterday judgment was confessed in the suit of the White Oak Coal Company against G. P. Johnson, trading as Johnson Brothers, for \$152.41.

## NEW CANDIDATE FOR THE HOUSE

Mass-Meeting in Henrico Nominates Thomas W. Gardner to Oppose C. W. Throckmorton.

Dissatisfied with the incumbent representing Henrico county in the House of Delegates, twenty-five or thirty citizens of the county held a mass-meeting in the courthouse yesterday morning and nominated Thomas W. Gardner, of Barton Heights, to carry the banner of opposition. Mr. Gardner, who has served a term in the House once before, accepted the honor, and a steering committee of five from each district, with Charles E. Childrey as chairman, was appointed to aid the new candidate in waging the fight.

The action yesterday of the mass-meeting means a big political fight in Henrico, for though Mr. Throckmorton lost a large number of friends he has unalterable attitude on the question of issuing bonds for good roads, he has still a large following. Mr. Gardner begins his campaign under most favorable auspices, for the men who will support his candidacy represent a pretty solid wall of strength.

The meeting was called to order by Charles E. Childrey, and Walter E. Grant, member of the Board of Supervisors, was elected secretary. Mr. Gardner, on taking the floor, said that he was not a candidate for the House, but that for three or four months he had heard expressions of dissatisfaction with the incumbent. He said that he would, therefore, continue it as his duty to run for the position. Captain Sam Register and John C. Easley made vigorous speeches, each pointing out what they deemed the necessity of placing a candidate in the field against Mr. Throckmorton, one who could be depended on to carry the cause to victory.

Mr. C. Saunders suggested the appointing of a committee to help Mr. Gardner in his fight, and five men were appointed from each district.

**Repair Permit.**  
A repair permit was issued yesterday to the Kegan Packing Association to repair a brick building, 19 South Fifteenth Street, to cost \$150.

**Luncheon for Charity**  
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF ST. HILDA'S GUILD, will be served at the Business Men's Club, corner Ninth and Main Streets, (over Bank of Richmond), on

**Thursday, Feb. 18th**  
from 12 to 4 o'clock, for business men and women. All are welcome.

Luncheon 25c and 50c. Elevator entrance Ninth Street side.

**MR. G. HOG MET ON PUBLIC HIGHWAY AND KILLED**

A Richmond man has received a letter in which it is stated that on February 11, as Tom Hohnan and Nelson Barrett were on their way down to "Tanglewood," Dr. Barrett's farm, near Thornhill, Goochland county, they caught and killed a ground-hog. The ground-hog was as fat as he could be, and weighed about twenty pounds. His hogship was evidently out for a morning "constitutional" when he met his fate. Now if Mr. Hog had not seen his shadow, then he is a fraud and unworthy of confidence, and has been trifling with a large body of constituents who have pinned their faith to his prognostications, and Mr. G. Hog should henceforth be considered a snare and delusion.